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SUBJ: CONSULTATIONS WITH DUTCH ON URENCO

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1. I THINK WE WERE WISE TO TELL THE DUTCH THAT WE WOULD CONFIRM OUR CONSULTATIONS SHOULD THE GERMANS RAISE THE ISSUE. THE DUTCH HAVE ALREADY MADE CLEAR PUBLICLY AND WE PRESUME PRIVATELY THE CONNECTION BETWEEN EXPANSION OF URENCO CAPACITY AND THE BRAZIL DEAL. THE FACT THAT THE DUTCH HAVE ALSO TALKED TO US SHOULD NOT THEREFORE COME AS A SURPRISE TO OUR GERMAN FRIENDS.

2. I WONDER WHETHER, UNLESS THE DUTCH OBJECT, WE SHOULD NOT SHORTLY GO FURTHER AND TELL THE GERMANS WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH THE DUTCH AND SUGGESTED TO THEM, AS WE WOULD TO THE FRG ITSELF, THAT A DECISION ON EXPANSION OF THE URENCO FACILITIES BE DELAYED UNTIL WE GET A CLEAR IDEA OF WHERE WE ARE GOING ON THE OVERALL ENRICHMENT QUESTION.

3. I SHOULD IMAGINE THAT THE GERMANS WOULD BE MUCH LESS DISTRESSED AT LEARNING THIS DIRECTLY FROM US THAN
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HAVING A LEAK AT A LATER DATE GIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT WE WERE CONSPIRING BEHIND THE BACK OF THE FRG WITH ONE OF THE URENCO PARTNERS AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF ANOTHER. A LEAK, ON THE OTHER HAND, WHICH IS NOT TO BE PRECLUDED, WOULD BE MORE LIKELY TO STIFFEN THE GERMAN POSITION AND MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE CHANCELLOR IN HIS DEALINGS WITH THE OPPOSITION AND WITH PUBLIC

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